

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A) ~ 17th @ 18th December 2016



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones ~ Parish Coordinators: Joan Bourke (Moderator), Catherine Green & Michael Ryan
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PARISH VISION: That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ

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| Parish Pastoral Council | Helen Ryan (Chair), Joan Bourke (Moderator), Linden Hall, Bridget Sims, Louise Haintz, Sr Kathleen Moran, Gabe Driscoll (School Principal)** A representative is required for Springbank.** | | |
| Finance Committee | Michael Ryan (Chair & Coordinator Representative), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Tony Lynch, Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Stephen Conroy, Brendan Maher | | |
| Parish Schools | St. Brigid's Primary School | Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll | ☎ 5368 1015 www.sbballan.catholic.edu.au |
| | St. Patrick's Primary School | Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy | ☎ 5368 9495 www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au |
| | St. Michael's Primary School | Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy | ☎ 5334 0344 www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au |

Collections last week

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections:

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| Loose | Presbytery: \$300.00 | Parish: \$79.50 |
| Planned | Envelopes: \$272.15 | Year to date: |
| Giving | Direct Deb (Nov): \$1,230.00 | \$520,742.95 |

Co-ordinators Report

On Monday night, the Co-ordinators, Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee held a combined meeting to discuss the Parish Assets, including the Parish House, Gordon Convent and the Springbank School Site. There will be an information sheet outlining what was discussed at this meeting, distributed with the Bulletin this weekend, we encourage you to take some time to read the information sheet, as it outlines discussions on important issues for the Parish. Again, we cannot stress enough the importance of strong leadership at this stage of the Parish life. It was hoped that by Christmas we would have a candidate/candidates willing to take on the vacant Co-ordinator's position in 2017. Please consider this position very carefully as we move on towards change. We thank you for your ongoing support. Joan, Catherine and Michael.

Columban Calendar

Calendars are now available in the Church foyer. Cost: \$9ea. Please place your payment in the box provided, or clearly labelled in an envelope during collection.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

Our local branch of St Vincent de Paul have asked for non-perishable Christmas items to make up hampers. Christmas

serviettes, bon bons, sweets, savoury items that you would like to find in your hamper. We appreciate your support of people in our district who are less fortunate than ourselves. Please leave donations in church foyers.

Christmas Cake & Sherry

You are all invited to join us for Christmas cake & sherry following Mass at Gordon & Ballan today.

Volunteers needed for Ministries at Christmas Masses

Please contact Springbank: Coordinator needed
 Gordon: Monica Eastwood
 Ballan: Margaret Hillier

Parish Contacts for Communion to the Sick

Springbank: Donna Simpson ☎ 5334 5342
 Gordon: Maria Donegan ☎ 0406 241 240
 Marie Conroy ☎ 5368 9351
 Ballan: Lorraine DeSpirt ☎ 5368 1180

Gordon Bleu Restaurant Opened

69 Main St Gordon. Wed-Fri 8am-3pm, Sat-Sun 9am-4pm

Church Cleaning - January

**Vacuuming: St Michael's - 13th, St Brigid's - 20th, St Patrick's - 27th

Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

| BALLAN | GORDON | SPRINGBANK |
|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Anne Mullane | Carmel Mahar | Molly Ronan |
| Helen Conlan | Sue Clifford | Volunteers needed |
| Sue Conlan | Josie Donegan | |



JOY
NOEL
ANGEL
JESUS
PEACE HOPE
WISEMEN
CHRISTMAS
BELIEVE FAITH
PRINCE OF PEACE
THANK YOU



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree

Parish Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay ☎ 5334 0450 Fax: 5334 0514

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Collections last week

Presbytery: \$129.00

Parish: \$575.00

Bungaree Liturgy Rosters

Rosters for 2017 are being prepared. To add or remove your name, contact Leah Hanrahan ☎ 0411 859 544 or lg3@optusnet.com.au

Ministries at Advent and Christmas Liturgies

Volunteers are needed for ministries at Christmas Masses. Please fill in the sheet at the Church door.



| LITURGIES | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------|--|
| Wed 21 st Dec | Bungaree | 9.00am | Mass |
| | Bungaree | 4.00pm | Individual Confessions |
| Thur 22 nd Dec | Ballan | 10.00am | Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space |
| Sat 24 th Dec | Clarkes Hill | 6.00pm | Christmas Eve Mass |
| | Springbank | 6.00pm | |
| | Gordon | 7.30pm | |
| | Ballan | 8.00pm | |
| | Bungaree | 10.00pm | |
| Sun 25 th Dec | Dunnstown | 9.30am | Christmas Day Mass |



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| | 1 st Sunday | 2 nd Sunday | 3 rd Sunday | 4 th Sunday | 5 th Sunday |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sat 6.30pm | Dunnstown | Springbank | Dunnstown | Clarkes Hill (6pm Blampied) | Springbank |
| Sun 8.45am | Gordon | Bungaree | Gordon | Gordon | Bungaree |
| Sun 10.30am | Ballan | | (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am) | | |

Anniversaries

Brian Shanahan, Jeanette Delbridge, Margaret Toohey, John McCarthy, Donald Graham, Roma Barry, Brian Barry, Sheila Gregory, Eileen Elliott, Fr Stephen O'Rourke, Annie Prendergast and Roy Tynan

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne McKercher, Gwen Shanahan, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Melanie Yates, Joe D'arcy, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Steven Molloy, Alice Gardiner.

Baptism Anniversaries



This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Oscar Robert Trigg (2012), Scarlett Elizabeth Foote (2012), Leon Harry Sheehan (2014), Benjamin Michael Prendergast (2015)

Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so they may walk in newness of life.

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul Bird CSSR has announced the following appointments:

- Fr Peter Sherman: Parish Priest of Ballarat East (from 25 Jan)
- Fr James Kerr: Assistant Priest of Mildura

He has invited priests to apply for appointment to Wendouree and Ballarat North.

Pre-loved Piano for sale

1920s Wertheim piano from the former St Michael's school, Bungaree. Much played, but all notes still operate. Make us an offer! Contact Parish Office or Fr Shane.

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program: 2017 Intake

The Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers, both employees and volunteers. Details on the diocesan website (link to Program on lower front page) Info: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Volunteers to Support Refugee and Asylum Seeker Students

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker students in Ballarat Schools, approx. 3 hrs/week. Experience in an educational setting is preferred, but training provided. RSVP 2 Feb 2017: Paulene Barton ☎ 0417 624 330 or mercyconnectb@gmail.com

Making a Scene at Christmas

Display of 300+ Christmas Nativity scenes from 40+ countries: St Patrick's Hall, Ballarat, Sun 18th Dec (9am-7pm).



| | READER/INTERCESSIONS | PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | COMMUNION MINISTER | ALTAR SERVERS |
|--|--|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 17 th & 18 th Dec | Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A): Isaiah 35:1-6a,10 ~ James 5:7-11 ~ Matthew 11:2-11 | | | |
| Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm | Helen Spratling & Olivia Sellers | Sellers Family | Winnie Leonard | Callan, Isla & Rose |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Therese Winter | Margaret Smith | Beth Calleja | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Patrick Hodgson, Lloyd Lamb | Bridget Sims Family | Cathy Mullane, Helen Conlan | |
| CHRISTMAS EVE | The Nativity of The Lord ~ Christmas Day : Isaiah 52:7-10 ~ Hebrews 1:1-6 ~ John: 1:1-18 | | | |
| Clarkes Hill ~ 6pm | <p align="center">Volunteers are needed for all Ministries at Christmas Masses. Gordon Parish: Please contact the relevant coordinator Bungaree Parish: Please fill in the form at the Church door.</p> | | | |
| Springbank ~ 6pm | | | | |
| Gordon ~ 7.30pm | | | | |
| Ballan ~ 8pm | | | | |
| Bungaree ~ 10pm | | | | |
| CHRISTMAS DAY | | | | |
| Dunnstown ~ 9.30am | | | | |
| 31 st Dec & 1 st Jan | Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Year A): Numbers 6:22-27 ~ Galatians 4:4-7 ~ Luke: 2:16-21 | | | |
| Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm | Volunteers are required over the holiday period | | | |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Angela Kearns & Kerry Taylor | Joe & Carmen Camilleri | Pat Barry | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Julie Dargan & Winnie Zammit | Binks Family | Lorraine Tipple & Lloyd Lamb | |